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SEEK MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FOR ALMA COLLEGE

GREATER STRENGTH WILL RE-
SULT FROM THE ASSOCIA-
TION OF GREAT NAMES.

College Needs Are Set Forth

Alma College, which is in need of new buildings, funds for library purposes, professorship, laboratory endowments, museum funds, and scholarships, is now making a wide appeal for memorial gifts to the college, which endowment or memorial gifts will also aid in making the college greater because of its being enriched by the association of great names.

In this connection the name of John Harvard, founder of the great university, which bears his name and has done a wonderful service to the country, is set forth, as are the names of the strong men who have been associated with Alma College, such as Wright, Cooper, Merrill, Bradley, Bruns, Elliott, Hood, Barkley, etc.

Suggestions as to the needs of the college set forth first a library building, a fire-proof stack room for its notable collection of 32,000 books, which with the few alterations that are necessary would cost from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Another need is given as a science hall, which it is estimated would cost from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Still another need that is set forth is a new athletic field, to extend further back from Superior street, and which will require much new grading.

The grading, concrete stands for spectators, new track, a new grid-iron, a new baseball diamond and new tennis courts and a concrete wall are estimated at from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

It is planned to build the new men's dormitories in sections costing about \$25,000 to \$30,000, and two such sections are now needed.

Other needs for which memorial funds can be used are scholarships, at from \$1,000 to \$2,500, from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for endowments for departmental libraries, campus improvement funds of \$1,000 or upwards, laboratory endowments of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 museum funds of \$1,000 upwards, professorships the latter calling for \$50,000. First in importance of these since the Dodge endowment of the chair of economics are set forth as Political Science, Education, Religious Education, German, and French.

Lose Rabbit Shoot and Put on "Feed"

Recently the Elwell lodge of the I. O. O. F. issued a challenge to the Alma lodge for a rabbit hunt, the loser to serve a rabbit supper and all the fixins, and it fell to the lot of the Elwellites to put up the "feed," which was a good one, judging from reports.

Saturday and Sunday the big rabbit hunt was held and the members of the Alma lodge are said to have knocked over close to a hundred cotton-tails, whereas the members of the Elwell lodge were twenty short of the Alma score.

As a result, all day Monday the Elwell I. O. O. F. members were busy preparing for the feed of rabbit, which was served in the Alma lodge hall Monday night in true style, the members of the Elwell organization being real sports and putting on a banquet that will be remembered long by those who attended. Music was also furnished during the evening by the Elwell lodge.

ATTENTION HOUSEWIVES

Every housewife is constantly perplexed to find new dishes to serve at her table.

The Civic Improvement League has undertaken to help her solve this problem in a very practical manner, and as a result, on the editorial page of the Alma Record each week will be printed two of the favorite recipes of the best cooks in Alma.

While the field to be covered will be a general one, the recipes given will by no means be confined to expensive delicacies. On the contrary an effort will be made to obtain many simple, wholesome and economical dishes.

It is the intention of the League to later have these recipes compiled into book form for the convenience of the women of Alma.

In this issue two particularly delicious and practical recipes are contributed by Mrs. Francis King.

Wanted: Two good automobile salesmen for Alma and St. Louis territory. Niles Motor Sales Co.—advertisement

Dailey is to Enter the Bean Business

C. F. Dailey, who about two years ago opened a wholesale and retail feed business near the Pere Marquette freight depot, is now enlarging his business, and expanding it by the installation of a modern bean mill.

Mr. Dailey expects that the new machinery will be completely installed by the end of the present week, and that he will be ready to go into the bean business in connection with his grain and hay business by the first of next week. The new machinery is of late design and modern in every respect and will serve to aid in making Alma a better bean market, as he expects to be able to handle a large amount of them.

Watch for his advertisement in next week's issue calling attention to his entering the bean business. He will probably have something interesting to say.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT

Alma Chapter No. 123, Royal Arch Masons at their annual meeting this week elected the following officers: High Priest, C. V. Calkins; King, E. C. Schultz; Scribe, E. H. Danford; C. of H., George Weatherbee; P. S., W. M. Stuckey; R. A. C., Harold Emmons; M. of third veil, James Woodward; M. of second veil, C. C. Dickinson; M. of first veil, Joseph McKenney; secretary, D. L. Johnson; treasurer, Karl Adams; sentinel, Dolph Peck.

BAD FIRE HERE LAST SATURDAY

HOUSE OWNED BY F. WAITE
GUTTED BY FLAMES WHICH
HAD A BIG START.

The house at the corner of Woodworth and Walnut street, owned by Frank Waite, and occupied by James Allen, was practically gutted by flames Saturday morning causing a loss to the residence of nearly \$3,000 and to the household goods of Mr. Allen of some hundreds of dollars, the latter being due to smoke, water and damage from hastily moving the goods from the house.

The fire had gained a big headway before it was discovered and an alarm turned in. Although the fire department made a prompt response to the alarm, the flames were pouring through the roof of the south wing of the house before the department arrived, and had gained such a headway that it proved a stubborn blaze to combat. Three streams of water were quickly playing on the house, and gradually the flames were brought under control, and finally extinguished, but not before the residence had been damaged to such an extent that it may be necessary to rebuild it from the foundation.

Neighbors aided Mr. and Mrs. Allen in getting their household effects out of the house, but they were badly damaged by the water and smoke, and also in the hasty moving, and the damages to the goods will be several hundred dollars in all probability. Just what the cause of the fire was is not known definitely, although rumors have assigned two or three causes any one of which might be correct.

DIED AT MASONIC HOME

During the past week two residents of the Michigan Masonic Home here have passed away.

Charles E. Drew, aged 75 years, died at the Home on Saturday, December 2, and on Monday morning his body was shipped to Otsego for burial.

Thomas W. Ball, aged 76 years, also passed away at the Masonic Home on Saturday, and that evening his body was shipped to Flint, where the funeral was held.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

Alma lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., elected officers Wednesday evening at the annual meeting for the coming year. The officers elected were as follows: Worshipful Master, Louis Hutchinson; Senior Warden, Leon R. May; Junior Warden, L. Montigel; Secretary, Jesse E. Fuller; treasurer, J. M. Montigel; Senior Deacon, Ed. Ward Hasbrook; Junior Deacon, James Woodward; Tyler, Fred Amshury.

MARRIED THANKSGIVING

John Earl Weaver and Miss Violeta Bell Irish, both of this city and for the past few years employees of the Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc., of this city were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. M. W. Duffey, at 3:00 p. m., on Thanksgiving day. They expect to make their home in this city.

NOTICE

The Welfare notes in the city hall will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday afternoons, from 2 until 6, beginning on Dec. 9.

Record wants ads, bring results.

JURY FAILED TO AGREE IN WITTER CASE

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER
AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT
IN ALMA LAST JULY.

Majority Favored Acquittal, Report

Carl Witter of Alma, arrested last June, following the death of Albert Balch, aged man living near St. Louis, was discharged last week when the jury which heard his case in circuit court at Ithaca could not agree. It is understood that the majority of the jury were in favor of acquittal.

Early in June, Witter, driving a Ford car, struck Balch, when the latter was on Michigan avenue, and although the aged man was rushed to a hospital he died very soon after. Official investigation into the affair caused the officers to arrest the young man a few days later on a charge of manslaughter. He immediately furnished bail.

The case came to trial in circuit court last week before Judge E. J. Moinet. The case was given to the jury last Wednesday noon, following Judge Moinet's charge to the jury in which he told the jury that it could find him guilty of involuntary manslaughter or negligent homicide or acquit him. The jury was unable to agree on any of the three possible findings, but report indicates that it stood ten to one for acquittal. Following the failure of the jury to agree Witter was discharged.

Fine Thanksgiving Program Held at Coe

The enthusiasm of the people of Coe, the progress and the achievements won by the never ceasing sociability and hospitality of the members of the Church of Christ, and the Community Club, of that place, was demonstrated Thursday evening when it was estimated that 400 people from various nearby towns, including St. Louis, Shepherd, Forest Hill, Vestaburg, and Alma, met with the people of Coe and that vicinity, to enjoy the program rendered under the auspices of the Community Club. Practically every inch of standing room, besides every chair and seat in the building was occupied and many were unable to gain an entrance into the Church.

Very appropriate decorations of grains and fruits of the season and American flags were used throughout the building.

The program opened at 7:30 o'clock with congregational singing, followed by the reading of the 24th Psalm by Rev. L. W. Kimberling, pastor of the Coe Church. Rev. Leon R. May of Forest Hill offered a prayer of Thanksgiving, after which the following musical numbers and readings were very effectively rendered:

Recitation, by Ray Vroman.
Reading, —Mrs. Chas. Packingsham.

Selections, by both the Ladies quartet and a Male quartet.

Recitation, by Ralph Boyles.

Vocal solo—Miss Audrey Russ.

Vocal solo—Roy Boyles.

Comic selections of song.—John Lemhulk and a short talk by Rev. Hendricks of Vestaburg.

A Kangaroo court, which was presided over by Rev. H. H. Anderson of Alma, as Judge, with J. Albert Gibbs of Shepherd and Rev. May, as attorneys, Chas. Packingsham, justice of the peace, Sim Bollanbacher, sheriff, Verne Perrine, chairman of the jury, and Dr. Hubbard of Vestaburg as clerk, was then opened. Here a rather serious charge was brought against Rev. Kimberling, by his wife, which after considerable deliberation, was settled out side of court.

This "session" created a great deal of amusement and the success of both men as "would be" attorneys was assured. Pumpkin pie with other refreshments were served in the dining hall during which time those awaiting their turn to gain an entrance into the dining room mingled in a social way thoroughly enjoying the evening.

During the good social time, an offering, the receptacle for which was placed in the rear of the church, was not forgotten, and a large offering was received.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

The annual meeting of the Gratiot County Farm Bureau will be held at Brown's opera house in Ithaca on Monday, December 11, at 10:00 a. m. Officers for the coming year and delegates to the state farm bureau meeting will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

Former Alma Young People Are Married

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Clara Waber and Mr. Chester Ellison at the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Saturday evening, December 2, at 7:30 o'clock. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Symonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison are former Alma young people and are graduates of Alma high school. The former is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ellison. They will be at home to their friends after December 5 at 520 S. Grand street, Lansing.

DR. CABOT COMING

Dr. Hugh Cabot will give his famous lecture, "Germs and their Relation to Human Life," in the Alma high school auditorium on Tuesday, December 12, at 3:30. There will be no admission fee for the lecture. It was only fifty years ago that Robert Koch in Germany and Louis Pasteur in France proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that certain diseases were caused by germs. Dr. Cabot will explain how many diseases may be prevented by vaccination. A knowledge of these fundamental facts is necessary for the sound health of the community and should be a part of the knowledge of every citizen.

PRESENT PLAY AS A BENEFIT

CLASS OF 1924 SEEKING FUNDS
FOR COLLEGE ANNUAL WITH
ITS MONDAY PRODUCTION.

The Junior Class of Alma College will present "Her Husband's Wife," a farce in three acts by Augustus Thomas next Monday night, December 11, at the Strand Theatre. After careful consideration the appointed committee decided upon this play, partly because of the well-known author and partly because a cast which could fit into the parts easily could be chosen from the members of the class of '24.

Augustus Thomas' ability as a playwright is universally known and "Her Husband's Wife," his first play, has lasted because of its unforced humor, kindly feeling, individualized style, and finally because it is a good play.

Irene Randolph —Pauline Strick
Stuart Randolph —Lowell Hudson
Richard Belden —Kenneth Fry
John Belden —Richard Boyd
Emily Ladew —Gladyss Fryxell
Nora —Margaret Poole
Tickets for the play may be procured from any member of the Junior Class, and they are on sale at the Strand. They may be reserved at any time.

AMENDMENT TO FACE BATTLE

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PETITIONS
REFUSED AND COURT AC-
TION IS SEEN.

Mandamus proceedings, to compel Charles J. DeLand, secretary of state, to file in his office the initiatory petitions providing for another vote on the anti-parochial school amendment at the April election will in all probability be filed in the state supreme court.

Secretary of State DeLand has refused to file these petitions, which were offered Monday afternoon by James Hamilton of Detroit, on the ground that many of the required number of signatures were obtained prior to the November election, and even previous to the four months limit preceding the November election. The secretary of state maintains that there is at least much doubt about the legality of signatures obtained in advance of the recent elections, to initiate a constitutional amendment not to be voted on until next spring, and it is on that basis that he has refused to file the petitions.

"This action on my part has absolutely nothing to do with this parochial school issue which just happens to be the one involved at this time," said Mr. DeLand, Tuesday. "With me, acting in the capacity of a state officer, it is entirely from the viewpoint of a cold-blooded legal issue."

"When I raised this issue yesterday Mr. Hamilton and other persons accompanying him agreed with me that there was some question about the legality of the petitions signed previous to the November election. They suggested that I accept them and let the other side in this question raise the issue in the courts."

Trouble comes quickly to those who are looking for it.

WEDNESDAY TO SEE C. OF C. START MEETS

WEEKLY LUNCHEONS TO BE
REVIVED AND CONTINUED
THROUGHOUT WINTER.

Local Speakers for the First Meeting

Beginning on Wednesday, December 13, the Alma Chamber of Commerce will again start the weekly noon day luncheons which proved so popular and so profitable to the members of the organization last year, bringing as they did each week new speakers before the organization, who brought before the membership new ideas of community building, and effort.

That these luncheons will again prove popular and draw a large number of the members each Wednesday noon is not to be doubted, as the luncheons have always proven to be well worth the price, without even considering the unusually good addresses which were to be heard each week, which invariably took up some interesting phase of community endeavor, and most frequently pointed out things wherein Alma could well profit. Not only did they prove a big benefit in this respect, but a better and finer feeling of fellowship between the merchants of the city was developed and the problems of the other fellow began to be appreciated by the various members to a greater extent than had been the case previously.

The luncheon next Wednesday, which will open the winter season for the Alma Chamber of Commerce will bring before the organization local speakers. These men will lay stress on some of the efforts that the community should make during the coming year, and others will sketch over the efforts of the past year, which has been an especially difficult one for the Chamber of Commerce.

The past few months have demonstrated more than ever before the need of a close co-operation in the city for the betterment of the entire community and only by a constant and ever increasing effort with the desires and hopes of every individual banded together for the betterment of all can real results be achieved. The evident place for such effort and co-operation to be made is through the Chamber of Commerce, representing the various spheres of endeavor of the community, and hopes are held that a large number of the members will turn out for the next Wednesday meeting and those that are to follow at which various city problems will come to the front looking for a solution that will work for the best interests of the city.

Miss Velma Sharp is Feature of Program

On Saturday afternoon, members of the Woman's Club and guests, met at the home of Mrs. Charles G. Rhodes, on State street, to listen to a delightful musical programme in charge of Mrs. Sadie M. Suole.

Miss Velma Sharp, formerly of Alma, now of Denver, Colorado, opened the programme with a group of three piano numbers. It has always been a great pleasure to hear Miss Sharp play, but in the five years since leaving Alma, her work has grown enormously. She has developed a strong technique and a breadth of interpretation which makes her playing thoroughly artistic. Mr. Beausang, head of the vocal department of Alma College, sang two solos. Mr. Beausang's singing of the Massenet number will long be remembered by all who heard it. He possesses a baritone voice of unusual sweetness and depth. Mrs. Beausang played two violin solos in a delightful manner, and added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon. Miss Sharp closed the programme with two piano numbers. Miss Grace Roberts furnished excellent accompaniments. After the programme, which follows, tea was served.

I
a. Romance Sibelius
b. Nocturne (for left hand only) Scriabine
c. Toccata Leschetizky
Miss Sharp
II.
a. Intermezzo Bizet
b. Romance Martini
Mrs. Beausang
III.
a. Noel Paen. Massenet
b. Dreams Von Flieitz
Mr. Beausang
IV.
a. Traumerei Strauss
b. Etude (Revolutionary) Chopin
Miss Sharp
Envy another person's brains
will not cultivate your own.

Hardwaremen Hold Big Banquet Here

The annual group meeting and banquet of the hardware men of this district, which embraces Gratiot, Isabella, Clare and Midland counties was held at the Wright House Monday evening, December 4.

Thirty hardware men of the district and their clerks attended the banquet, at which Earl C. Clapp and Lawrence Montigel of this city presided as chairmen. C. F. Nelson, field secretary of the Michigan Retail Hardwaremen's Association, was present and gave an address on advertising and salesmanship. The question box was in charge of Herman Dingman of Owosso, who made this feature of the meeting very interesting. Mr. Montigel and Mr. Clapp were made permanent chairmen for the coming year.

WILL DEBATE MIDLAND

The Alma high school debating team has been working with a vim for the first contest of the season with Midland at Midland on Friday evening, December 8.

The forensic artists this year are new, last years' crack team having been lost by graduation, and must develop as the debating season progresses. Hopes are being held, however, for a strong team.

The subject for the debate will be the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway, Alma taking the affirmative of the argument and Midland the negative.

STORES LOADED FOR CHRISTMAS

ALMA MERCHANTS STOCKS ARE
FILLED WITH GOODS THAT
WILL GO AT LOW PRICES.

Gee! You fellows just oughta go down town and peek in the stores and see all the Christmas things that the stores are loaded up with. They got almost ever-thing for the fellers and an awful big bunch of stuff for girls. Just tell your sisters and have 'em get their mothers to take 'em down. Heard 'em tell us how the prices this year is clear way down cause I heard Dad tell about it one day. Hope Santa has plenty of money to buy things with 'cause they sure got 'em here.

Gosh, in one of them there stores I seen all kinds of things, autos, wagons, skates, sleds an' ever-thing that a feller would want. Then in another store was a whole bunch more of them same things, and in other stores all kinds of things for the girls: dolls, all kinds and sizes of 'em, dishes, lots of 'em, books, an' little stoves, an' little brooms, an'—durned if I can remember 'em all. Just loads of 'em that's all.

Just go down and look 'em over fellers. All of the stores have got 'em. All kinds of things. And it makes a guy wonder how they get 'em all, and where they all go to on Christmas. Gee! Don't I hope I get a lot of 'em. I'm gonna tell Pa 'bout 'em. He can see 'em in any of the stores.

And believe me fellers from now on 'till Christmas I'm goin' to be as good as good can be, 'cause if I'm good I may get a lot of 'em 'cause they say that the prices of 'em are way down this year. Golly, don't I wish I had a bigger sock.

Short Course Is Lengthened

The special short course in dairy production at the Michigan Agricultural College has been lengthened to 12 weeks instead of 8 this year, according to announcement just made by Prof. O. E. Reed of the college dairy department. The course will open on January 1.

This course offers general training for farmers of the state who wish to equip themselves for more efficient handling of their dairy herds and dairy farms. It also gives an opportunity for young men to train themselves for positions as Cow Testing Association testers.

RENT ALMA HOTEL

E. Kuns and Mrs. Sarah A. Gardner, both of this city, have rented the Alma hotel for a term of years from Mrs. F. E. Moore, who has conducted it for several years. Mr. Kuns and Mrs. Gardner have already taken possession of the hotel.

Mrs. Moore expects to spend the winter months in the southern states, after which she will return to Alma with the expectation of making this city her home.

WILL PRESENT PAGEANT
Pupils of the Washington School will present "Bethlehem," a Christmas pageant, at the Washington School Parent-Teachers' Association meeting on Friday afternoon, December 15.

Circulation counts—we have it.

TELLS ABOUT CONDITIONS AT REPUBLIC

EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A
RE-ORGANIZATION AT PLANT
MENTIONED IN LETTER.

Hopes Re-Financing May Yet Be Possible

Just how the affairs of the Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc., are shaping the great difficulties that are being met with in the efforts to achieve the re-organization because of the many interests involved, the attitude of the receiver for the business in his city with the receiver located in Detroit, are set forth in the following letter received by the Alma Chamber of Commerce from Colonel Frank E. Smith, late president and general manager of the company. It undoubtedly covers the matter better and more fully than could be set forth in any other way. Col. Smith's letter follows.

Alma, Mich.
December 2, 1922

Chamber of Commerce,
Alma, Michigan.
Gentlemen:

For many months I have diligently labored to effect some sort of a re-organization of Republic, that would protect the equities of the several groups in interests, and which at the same time, would assure the Company's financial future on a sound working basis.

The complications involved, due to the variety of interests and the need for keeping the business as a "going concern" meantime, have been many, and the task most intricate and trying, and also on several occasions, the successful consummation of our efforts has seemed assured, yet each time something has transpired to defeat our plans.

The Receiver, perhaps quite naturally, from the position which he occupies, insists that the property be brought to a speedy sale, regardless of re-organization, and the trust liquidated and cleaned up, and to that end, has ordered drastic reduction in personnel, and in some cases the complete wiping out of entire departments.

On top of this, the Banker partners in the proposed underwriting, have become involved in a dispute over certain arrangements to be made with me in re-organization, with resultant embarrassment both to themselves and to me, and all of which must necessarily prove detrimental to the working out of Republic's rehabilitation.

As nothing constructive can result if matters continue in their present impasse, and as my chief desire is to see Republic put on its feet and the greatest possible amount realized for those financially interested, I have decided to eliminate myself from any further active part in the proceedings, in the hope that by my withdrawal from the picture, the rift between the Investment Bankers can be patched up and a deal put through.

I am fully aware of what the continuance of Republic means in a financial way to both Alma and St. Louis, and I sincerely trust that the business may be preserved and continued, and that both communities may reap the benefit.

My family will continue residence for the winter at St. Louis, and I shall be there occasionally, but meantime, I am returning to New York to resume once more the work I dropped to attempt the re-suscitation of Republic, and will hereafter be reachable in care of my office, Room 703 at 512 Fifth Avenue.

In closing, I want to say that in spite of the many months of hard work that I have put in since coming to your community, and which have in great measure, prevented my taking an active part in civic affairs, I have enjoyed, and am the better for, the contact with your good people, and shall leave with the hope that the feeling is reciprocated.

Appreciating your cordial co-operation, and hoping that I may be able from the "outside" to serve you, as I have always tried to do while on the "inside," and trusting that whenever you are in New York, you will avail yourself of the privileges of my office, I remain

Faithfully yours,
Frank E. Smith

WILL OPEN EVENINGS

For the two weeks prior to Christmas the stores of this city will be open each evening, offering every facility for the Christmas shoppers, and giving them plenty of time to look over the large assortments of stocks in the various stores, enabling them to make better selections, and secure better service.

Record wants ads, bring results.